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Use of Permissible Fireworks During Public Displays

Local fire officials and firework companies should take the following into consideration when planning or approving a public displays utilizing permissible fireworks.

NH RSA 21-P:14 IX and RSA 153-5-c requires anyone using pyrotechnics before a proximate audience, be licensed and permitted by the State Fire Marshal. These requirements apply when the display is being provided to the public for entertainment purposes, such as holiday events, celebrations, theatrical productions, etc. These requirements do not apply to consumers using permissible fireworks on their own property, or property where the consumer has obtained written permission from the land owner, and the permissible firework display complies with the requirements of RSA 160-C and any locally approved ordinances. Anyone hired, contracted or compensated in any manner, to provide any display of permissible fireworks is not consider a consumer.

A "proximate audience" is defined as any person or spectators that are closer to the display of pyrotechnic effects than permitted by Saf-C 5000 Display Fireworks Rules. That distance is 200 feet. To avoid any conflict with the proximate audience licensing and permitting requirements, please conduct the display using the following:

- The audience shall be kept at least 200 feet from the permissible firework display.
- The person conducting the display has written permission to conduct the display on the property being utilized.
- The person conducting the display is of the appropriate age outlined in RSA 160-C.
- The person conducting the display meets all the requirements of any local ordinances.

Any use of non-permissible fireworks shall be conducted in accordance with Saf-C 5000. Anyone with questions regarding fireworks use should contact the New Hampshire State Fire Marshal's Office at (603) 223-4289.